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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another month has gone by and it is officially fall as I write this. It sure doesn't feel much like fall, not with the daily high hovering around the 100 degree mark. However, the arrival of the fall season does imply that cooler days (and rides) can't be too far away. Along with the cooler days, I'm hoping that some of our new ride leaders will take us to unexplored places, and I encourage you to consider planning and /or leading a ride.

As you look at the active membership of the club in the two and a half years I've belonged, you can see some significant changes. Members that were once active have moved on to other things or other parts of the country. New members have come and gone. New members have come and stayed. And of course there are the active members that have been there from the start. All of this makes for a club that remains fresh while still maintaining the fundamental values of the originating members.

My goal is to find ways of maintaining this atmosphere by finding new activities for the club to participate in and by encouraging members

to stretch themselves, both in developing new things for the club to do and participating more actively in leadership roles. The infusion of new leaders and new ideas is the best way to keep members' interest level high and avoiding the club rides and activities from turning into just the same old thing over and over.

This club has been of immense value to me. I've greatly improved my riding skills, due in large part to inspiration from some of the excellent riders in the club. I've seen parts of the Metromess and surrounding areas that I hadn't visited before. I've been inspired to tour this great country and open my eyes to new scenery and local attractions. Finally, and most importantly, I've met people whose friendship I treasure. Motorcyclists are truly some of the finest people in the world and this club demonstrates that in many ways.

Along with the promise of cooler weather, the fall season also promises the new motorcycles for the coming year. Those of you who were at the September meeting were treated to David Dendy's comments on Honda's plans for new and updated models in the next couple of years. I don't know about you but, I never envisioned a Gold Wing with airbags! Now the question is who's going to be the first to buy one?

Fall also brings the International Motorcycle Show to the Dallas/Fort

Worth area. It's a great place to look at bikes from the various manufacturers and stock up on goodies from the vendors (can't have too many lights or too much chrome, can you Kevin?) This year the show will be in Fort Worth and we will have a group ride to the show for that Saturday's ride so

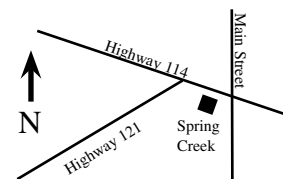
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October 2005 Meeting

Thursday October 20, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
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start thinking about what indispensable goodies you need for your ride.

Until next month, ride safe.

Ken

MEETING MINUTES

9-15-2005

by **Dan McDonald**

President **Ken Frazer** called the meeting to order and welcomed all who were present. **Rich Deiss** was welcomed back from being in the hospital and said he is doing better. Ken presented us with some information on motorcycle safety books and urged everyone to become involved with actively pursuing safety courses and studies.

Vice-President **Kevin Vardaman** discussed upcoming rides, including

the Family Guidance Center benefit poker run on October 8th, the CMA Colors Rally in Hatfield, AR October 19-23rd, and the Grace Place Benefit concert in Nocona on October 22nd. Kevin also made his usual request for ride leaders and passed around a signup sheet for the upcoming rides. Kevin also announced that the ride times will change the first of October to 10am, leaving from DFW Honda.

Secretary **Dan McDonald** discussed our new club shirt supplier, **Nanc Christopherson**. She now has the capability to embroider the logos on shirts and will now supply the club. She also will be able to provide services such as logos on your own shirts for \$10, and first names on the shirts for \$5 each. **Nanc** can be contacted directly for shirts, but will continue to order quarterly, or when a sufficient number of shirts are requested to justify an order. Dan also discussed the possibility of an upcoming Falls Colors trip to Jefferson to test interest. Enough interest was present to set up a trip.

Treasurer **Mike Brown** presented the club financial report, with a current balance of \$1157.82. He also conducted a 50/50 drawing with **Bob Nolden** and **Toby & Christy Burgess** winning.

Ken offered his thanks to the club members who volunteered to help **JJ Jean** last month with a bicycle race. We had more than enough volunteers show up to help out.

David Dendy from DFW Honda discussed a long standing offer to buy dinner for everyone after the first time we have 100 people show up at a meeting.

We have come close several times, but never quite made the 100. In an effort to encourage more people to come out, DFW is buying dinner for all HRCA members and their spouses

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Motorcycle Safety Foundation Courses

HRCA (\$39.95/year) reimburses up to \$75 of the cost of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course each year for HRCA members. Reimbursement forms can be picked up at DFW Honda.

Available courses by City

Arlington - Texas R.I.D.E.R (817) 246-4016 - Harold Patterson Sports Center - www.texasrider.com

Burleson - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 Burleson High School, 100 NW John Jones Rd - www.aplusrider.com

Carrollton - Rider Course Center (972) 317-6322 or 1-888-317-6322 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Stadium

Flower Mound - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Marcus High School, 5707 Morris Rd. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. www.veridesafe.com

Fort Worth - Moto-Ed (817) 239-6686 - American Ironhorse Motorcycle Company, 4600 Blue Mound Rd. www.moto-ed.com

Irving - Brookhaven College (972) 860-4715 or Texas R.I.D.E.R. (817) 246-4016 - American Honda Training Center, 4529 Royal Lane, Irving - www.texasrider.com

Lancaster - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 - Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, Tx. - www.aplusrider.com

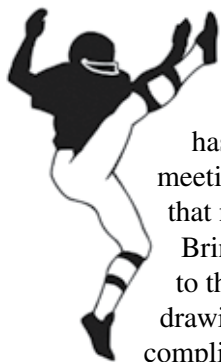
Southlake - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Dragon Stadium, 1085 S. Kimball Ave. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. www.veridesafe.com

'06 KICKOFF



Join us for the opening kickoff of the '06 model season at the October meeting of the DFW Freedom Riders, Thursday 10/20/2005.

DFW Honda will have one of the new '06 Goldwings, t-shirts, and other goodies.



In addition, DFW Honda will be buying dinner for all HRCA members and their spouses. If your membership has lapsed and you renew it at the meeting, or if you want to join HRCA that night, they will buy your dinner. Bring your HRCA membership card to the meeting. There will also be a drawing for 50 long sleeved t-shirts, compliments of DFW Honda.

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at the October meeting. In addition, the new '06 Wing with the airbag and built in navigation system will be on display, along with some other goodies. All of this to take place at Spring Creek Barbecue on October 20th.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone stayed around and socialized for a period of time.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

If you have articles about your trips, please submit them to the editor, we'd love to hear your story.

Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum

By Ken Frazer

All I could think was "Oh my word!" as I entered the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum in Birmingham, Alabama. If you have never heard of it, don't feel all alone. I discovered it by accident shortly before leaving for the Honda Hoot and decided I had to visit on my way back home.

George Barber, of Barber Dairy fame, has built a magnificent race track and museum on the outskirts of town. In the museum, he displays part of his collection of motorcycles and vintage race cars. When I say part of his collection, he generally has 500-600 of his 900+ motorcycles on display at any one time. Yes, you

read correctly...this man has a motorcycle collection that contains over 900 bikes!

The museum is a five story building with two sub-level floors. The top five floors house the displays while the subterranean floors house the office space and more importantly the restoration areas. The center of the building contains a freestanding elevator that has bikes displayed on either side in what looks like mid-air.

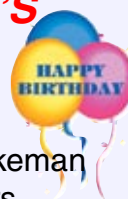
In most motorcycle museums I've visited, the emphasis has been on older bikes, often having nothing newer than the 40's or possibly 50's. The Barber Museum has bikes from all eras with a large number from the 70's forward.

Unlike many museums where the bikes are crowded together and you are kept far enough away that it is difficult to see detail, this museum has most of the bikes arranged so you can get up close and personal with them. There is virtually no crowding of bikes and they each have a good description of the bike and its importance to the motorcycling world.

Bikes are often grouped to bring out points. For example, at one time, several of the Japanese manufacturers decided that the road to high performance on a street bike for the American market involved turbo charging. The museum has grouped representative turbo charged bikes from this era and explains the benefits and performance of each. The grouping also explains how the performance increase really did not produce a particularly ride-able street bike and why they were quickly dropped from the marketplace.

Mr. Barber also likes unique and one of a kind bikes. Unless you are a real expert on bikes, you will find a number of relatively modern motorcycles you have never heard of as well as examples of all the bikes you probably grew up with or lusted after. Have you ever seen a Harley Davidson mini-bike? You will here. Or how about the motorcycles Sears

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 4 Rhonda Blakeman
- 6 Dora Landers
- 6 Sandy Smith
- 8 Jorge Perez
- 9 Frank Brzozowski
- 11 Bill Brown
- 12 Mike Keller
- 12 Barbara Perry
- 13 Maurice LeBlanc
- 13 Bobby Wilson
- 15 Charlie Brock
- 16 Donn Foster
- 18 Rose Ward
- 23 Glenn Cobb
- 24 Lynne Cunningham
- 24 Don Ferguson
- 26 Jim Leslie
- 26 Charles Reese

sold? How about a Maserati or a Hercules? I think you are starting to get the idea. If it ran on two wheels, George probably bought one.

This museum was so fascinating I spent four and a half hours browsing it and shot over 390 photos. The only reason I didn't stay longer was information overload. There was simply more there than I could assimilate at one time.

If you are ever in Birmingham, or any where within 500 miles of it, I can't recommend a visit to the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum highly enough. It is something that must be seen to understand. Oh, I mentioned cars at the beginning of this article. There are only about a dozen four wheelers. George Barber fascination with things mechanical is fully grounded in motorcycles.

Thought for the Month

Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened. - Billy Graham

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Four Wheelers for Sale

Two 2003 TRX 250 EXs, Great Condition. 1.5 years of extended warranty left. Full service just completed and ready to ride. \$ 3,795.00 each / Friends Price \$ 2900

One 2005 TRX 90. New Demo Model, ridden once. As New with an extra year warranty \$2795.00 Friends Price 2400. No Taxes. No Freight. No Make Ready. Contact David Dendy at DFW Honda, or 214-808-8797 10/05

To add or remove items for sale or trade, contact Dan McDonald by e-mail at newsletter @ dfw-freedomriders.org, or by phone (817) 284-2251. Items will be removed after two months, unless renewed.

From the Majors

We'd just like to say how wonderful it has been to be a part of this group and share the riding experience. We met some great people, and we miss riding on a regular basis with everyone. Hopefully, when the weather cools and we finally get settled, we will be down to make more frequent rides. ...and we invite anyone who ventures into northeastern Oklahoma to come visit. Our new address is 3433 E. 62nd Street, Tulsa. And our home phone is 918.477.7688.

Ed & Peggy

Printer Cartridges Wanted

Stop and think about what you do when your printer's ink cartridge is empty. You toss it into the trash and buy another one, correct? It's out of your house. STOP choking the life out of your hard-earned dollars on taxes by cleaning up the clutter in the city dumps.

The Fishermen Chapter, Christian Motorcyclists Association, has found a much better way to handle this disposable issue. We are collecting ALL empty inkjet cartridges with print heads (that's those tiny copper dots on the bottom and side of the cartridge). We are recycling them. Our purpose is to donate more money for CMA's only fund raiser - Run For The Son - taking place on the first weekend of May 2006. Hilda Hatter, Run Secretary (214) 331-2695 / (214) 663-0969

Trunk or Treat

Oct 31st

If you are not busy Oct 31st I could really use your help. FBC-Hurst has asked us back again this year to hand out candy to the kids. We had 17 bikes last year, but we'd really like to see the parking lot full this year. We will meet at 6 pm at the NE corner of 183

and Norwood in Hurst. We will depart about 630 in one large group to do a ride in with lights and horns as we enter the parking lot. You may bring candy to hand out or just be there for the kids. The event ends at 9pm however feel free to leave when you'd like. I really need a estimate of how many bikes we'll have so I can get us parking. If you are able can you reply to 1800wingrider@sbcglobal.net or call my cell#817.228.2407 to let me know. Thank you, David Hurt

UPCOMING EVENTS

Benefit Poker Run

October 8 - Dallas

This will benefit the Child & Family Guidance Center, established in 1896 and continuously serving the Dallas area for over 100 years, is committed to providing quality, accessible mental health services to strengthen children, families and communities

The poker run will be through Dallas and Rockwall Counties - an 80-mile ride (route map available upon request)

The date is Sat, October 8, 2005 starting at 10am at Dallas Harley Davidson in Garland - 1334 West Centerville Rd. Garland - last bike out at 12 noon. Last bike in at 5pm at Stokers Dallas - 9304 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas - awards presented at 6pm.

Awards: Best Hand - \$1,000; 2nd Best Hand - \$500 - Give away bags for all riders The cost will be \$25 per rider, \$5 extra rider (passenger), \$10 per T-shirt

Ride for Kids

Oct 9 - Benbrook

The Ride for Kids benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

will be held in Benbrook again this year on Sunday, October 9th. Registration will be from 8:00am to 9:45am at Dutch Branch Park, Highway 377 and Winscott Road, approximately 1 mile south of I-20. This ride will take place rain or shine and supports a good cause.

Fall Colors Ride

November 11-13, 2005

It's been a while since we have ventured to quaint Jefferson in East Texas. There are some great back roads in the area, and hopefully the leaves will be turning more in November than they have the past few years in October.

We will leave on Friday November 11th for a two night stay at the Inn of Jefferson. On Saturday, some may want to stay and visit Jefferson, some may want to just ride some of the great back roads in the area, and others may want to venture on down to Shreveport to try their luck.

I have 15 rooms blocked on a first-come, first-served basis. The rate is \$73.95 per night for either a double queen or a single king room. The reservation number is **903-665-3983** and mention the group name of DFW Freedom Riders for the group rate.

After you book your room, please e-mail me and let me know that you are planning to go. The cutoff date for reservations is **November 5**, so make your reservations now.

Dan McDonald

secretary@dfwfreedomriders.org

BE THERE - DO THAT

SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 8 - Benefit Poker Run Dallas

Oct 9 - Ride for Kids Benbrook

Sep 15 - Next Full Moon Ride

Oct 20 - October Meeting

Oct 21 - Sonic Bike Night

Nov 4-6 - Int'l Motorcycle Show

Nov 11-13 - Fall Colors Ride

Nov 20 - CCFW Turkey Run

Dec 2 - DFW Honda Party

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2005 MAJOR RALLY SCHEDULE

Date	City	Event	For Information
Oct 19-23	Hatfield, AR	CMA Colors Rally	www.cmausa.org
Oct 20-23	Daytona Beach, FL	Biketoberfest	www.biketoberfest.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Monthly Calendar of Events

Standing Rides



Sonic Bike Nights



Cycle Club of Fort Worth - 2nd Friday -
7:00-8:30 pm Hurst Sonic - 1308 Precinct Line Road

DFW Honda Freedom Riders - 3rd Friday - 7-9 pm
Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy

GWRRA U-2 - 4th Friday - 7-9 pm
Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy

Thursday Dinner Run, except 3rd Thursdays.
Leaves from DFW Honda in Grapevine at 7:00pm

Saturday Ride - Saturday Morning. Leaves from DFW Honda at 10:00am from October through May, then from the Grapevine Chevron McDonald's at 8:00 am from June through September.

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Full Moon Rides -

Friday or Saturday closest to the Full Moon, April through October. Leaves from the Grapevine Chevron at 9:00pm.

The Saturday and Thursday rides are opportunities to get together and ride from a common starting point. An officer or group leader is normally present, but if one is not available, then form a group and enjoy the ride.

Rides scheduled to leave during times when DFW Honda is open will leave from there. The phone number is metro (817) 421-4663.

Unless otherwise noted, other rides leave from the Chevron/McDonalds on the corner of Highway 114 and Main Street in Grapevine.

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Special Notice

This month's Full Moon Ride will be on Saturday the 15th at 9pm. Be there for the last ride of the season.

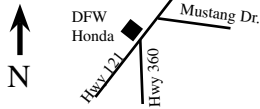
Also, note that the Saturday rides change to 10 am leaving from DFW Honda.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
2	3	4 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	5	6 7:00PM Dinner Ride	7	8 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE CHILD & FAMILY BENEFIT POKER RUN, DALLAS
9 RIDE FOR KIDS FORT WORTH	10	11	12	13 7:00PM Dinner Ride	14 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	15 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE FULL MOON RIDE
16	17	18	19	20 7:00PM DFWR MEETING	21 7:00PM - DFWR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	22 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE GRACE PLACE BENEFIT NOCONA, TX CMA RALLY - MENA, AR BIKETOBERFEST - DAYTONA BEACH, FL
23 CMA RALLY - MENA, AR BIKETOBERFEST	24	25	26 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	27 7:00PM Dinner Ride	28 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	29 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
30	31	1 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	2	3 7:00PM Dinner Ride	4	5 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE INTERNATIONAL M/C SHOW - FORT WORTH

Year Calendar - Go to www.dfwfreedomriders.org and click on the Newsletter link. There is a downloadable calendar in PDF form for the remainder of the year.



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Motorcycle Association Monthly Meetings

DFW Honda Freedom Riders • 3rd Thursday - 7 pm
 Spring Creek BBQ - Hwy 114 & Main - Grapevine
CMA Fishermen • 1st Tuesday - 7 pm
 (not a dinner meeting) Vandergriff Community Ctr.
GWRRA U-2 • 3rd Saturday - 9 am meeting
 (8:30 buffet) Golden Corral - Hwy 26 @ Loop 820
GWTA B - Last Wednesday - 8 pm (7 pm Dinner)
 Logan's Road House, 820 & Pipeline Rd.

<p>Parts & Accessory Special</p> <p>10% Off Any Parts & Accessory Purchase</p> <p>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to purchase. Coupon expires end of October 2005.</small></p>	<p>Service Parts Special</p> <p>10% Off Any Service Related Parts <small>Does Not Apply to Labor</small></p> <p>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to service. Coupon expires end of October 2005.</small></p>
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Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

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Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)
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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue